*Alexander Grigorian – b. 1927*

*“Portrait of William Saroyan 1976”*



*"I should like to see any power of the world destroy this race,*

*this small tribe of unimportant people,*

*whose wars have all been fought and lost,*

*whose structures have crumbled, literature is unread,*

*music is unheard, and prayers are no more answered.*

*Go ahead, destroy Armenia. See if you can do it.*

*Send them into the desert without bread or water.*

*Burn their homes and churches.*

*Th en see if they will not laugh, sing and pray again.*

*For when two of them meet anywhere in the world,*

*see if they will not create a New Armenia."*

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